Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Board (R3PB) Grant Application Review Subcommittee Regular Meeting Minutes November 30th, 2020

A present majority of volunteered R3PB member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 7 members pr				resent
Position	Name	Present (by phone)	Absent	Vacant
R3PB Members/Member Designees				
Designee of Elected Official				
(Senator Kimberly Lightford)				X
Designee of Elected Official				
(Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth)				X
Designee of Elected Official				
(Mayor Chasity Wells-Armstrong)				X
Designee of Elected Official				
(Alderperson Michael Scott, Jr.)	Coach Charles Rice	X		
Designee of Elected Official				
(Alderperson Sue Sadlowski-Garza)	Carl Camacho	X		
Board Member				
Community Provider	Michael Hubbard	X		
Board Member				
Community Provider	Jalon Arthur		X	
Board Member				
Community Provider	Donna Crowder	X		
Board Member				
Formerly Incarcerated (over 24 years of age)	Bethany Little	X		
Board Member				
Formerly Incarcerated (over 24 years of age)	Orlando Mayorga	X		
Designee of Ex-Officio Board Member				
(Illinois Department of Human Services)	Caronina Grimble		X	
Designee of Ex-Officio Board Member				
(Office of the Attorney General)	Sharisse Kimbro	X		
Designee of Ex-Officio Board Member				
(Illinois DCFS)	Dagene Brown	X		
Ex-Officio Board Member	Acting Director Charise			
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	Williams	X		
Designee of R3 chair				
(Lieutenant Governor's Office)	Quinn Rallins	X		

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Quinn Rallins called the meeting to order at 8:06AM
- b. Roll call taken and quorum established

II. Approval of the Minutes from November 24th, 2020

- a. Moved by Dagene Brown
- b. Seconded by Sharrise Kimbro
- c. All in Favor
- d. No Oppositions
- e. No Abstentions

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III. New Business

a. Review of Performance in the Following Categories:

i. High need

- 1. Quinn Rallins: asked the subcommittee, in the instances where a high scoring applicant is choosing to serve a non-high need area, would this subcommittee want to be able to ask additional questions of that applicant to get more information before making a recommendation to grant or deny?
- 2. Carl Camacho: shared that this would be worth having the opportunity to do
- 3. Acting Director Williams: asked if this subcommittee has the authority to recommend changes on who gets funded based on the different equity scores?
- 4. Dartesia Pitts: emphasized that the authority of this subcommittee is only recommendations. The final authority lies with the R3 Program Board

ii. Local preference (local agency)

- 1. Dagene Brown: asked if the answer "no" to the local preference or staff/collaborative partners sections on equity scans suggested that organizations did not meet those criteria
- 2. Quinn Rallins: answered yes, and asked the subcommittee, in instances where a high-scoring applicant is not a local agency, would this subcommittee want to be able to ask follow-up questions of that applicant to get more information before making a recommendation to grant or deny?
- 3. Sharisse Kimbro and Carl Camacho: shared that this would be worth having the opportunity to do

iii. Local preference (staff/collaborative partners)

- 1. Quinn Rallins: asked subcommittee members, in instances where a high-scoring applicant does not have at least 50% local staff or 50% community collaborators, would this subcommittee want to be able to ask follow-up questions of that applicant to get more information before making a recommendation to grant or deny?
- 2. Dagene Brown: shared that this would be worth having the opportunity to do

iv. Community involvement

- 1. Quinn Rallins: asked subcommittee members, in instances where there is relatively low community participation, would this subcommittee want to be able to ask follow-up questions of that applicant, or applicants, to get more information before making a recommendation to grant or deny?
- 2. Bethany Little: shared that this would be worth having the opportunity to do, especially for organizations with high restorative justice scores and low community involvement scores as it is rare to be able to practice restorative justice without having high community involvement

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- 3. Quinn Rallins: shared that this subcommittee is able to make recommendations to the R3 Program Board on potential grantees even if these grantees have not scored high on the equity scan
- 4. Scott Risolute: clarified that the scores are not dispositive and can't be nullified; that scores will need to be acknowledged but will not be the only factor used in the subcommittee's recommendations

v. Restorative justice

- 1. Quinn Rallins: shared that as part of the larger equity provision of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, the spirit of the legislation has been to repair the harm from the war on drugs—to shift from punitive measures to restorative and rehabilitative approaches
- 2. Mitchell Troup: noted that community involvement and restorative justice scoring are based on the reviewer's assessment on how well an applicant answered the question of community involvement and restorative justice
- 3. Quinn Rallins: asked subcommittee members, in instances where there is a relatively low score under restorative justice, would this committee want to be able to ask follow-up questions of applicants before making a recommendation to grant or deny?
- 4. Orlando Mayorga: shared that this would be worth having the opportunity to do, and noted that it may be good to provide organizations with the opportunity to learn about restorative justice practices to allow for interested organizations to receive feedback on how restorative justice practices look
- 5. Acting Director Williams: asked what the subcommittee would consider a low score for restorative justice
- 6. Quinn Rallins: noted it is relative

b. Additional Equity Categories

i. Multiple applications

- 1. Quinn Rallins: shared that there will likely be instances where an organization applies for multiple awards either in a one region or multiple regions
- 2. Quinn Rallins: asked subcommittee members, in instances that an applicant has applied for multiple awards in one region or multiple regions, would the subcommittee like to know more information before making a recommendation to grant or deny?
- 3. Quinn Rallins: noted no one answered in the affirmative or negative
- 4. Quinn Rallins: asked if there were any additional equity questions or scenarios that the subcommittee has not considered that they would want to pose, and noted that no subcommittee members answered in the affirmative or negative

c. Motion on Equity Recommendations

i. Quinn Rallins: summarized the subcommittee's equity-category recommendations as discussed and entertained a motion to accept these recommendations

ii.

iii. Motion:

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- 1. The subcommittee moved to ask follow-up questions of applicants in the following areas: (I) those who have chosen not to serve high needs areas; (II) those applicants that have not identified yes to a local agency preference, (III) those applicants that have not identified 'yes' in terms of fitting the local staff or collaborators sections, (IV) those scoring below '7' at community involvement, (V) those scoring below '7' on restorative justice, and (VI) the authority to use discretion about follow-up questions with organizations that have a variance between community involvement and restorative justice.
 - a. Moved by Carl Camacho
 - b. Seconded by Dagene Brown
 - i. Roll Call taken
 - ii. Unanimous in Favor

IV. Member Updates

a. No member updates

V. Public Comments

a. No public comments

VI. Adjournment

- a. Moved by Michael Hubbard at 9:30AM
- b. Seconded by Carl Camacho
- c. All in Favor
- d. No Oppositions
- e. No abstentions